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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Local Law Enforcement Encounters ‘Sovereign Citizens’

(U) A San Diego motorcycle officer was involved in a car chase when a woman sped off after being stopped by the officer. Several officers trailed the woman going 70 mph west on state Route 94 to downtown San Diego. The officers recognized that the woman was a sovereign citizen based upon certain statements she made before a simple pullover turned into a chase. Officers ended the pursuit due to the potential danger to the public. Law enforcement officers in San Diego County report a couple encounters with sovereign citizens a month, according to local authorities. Most law enforcement officers in San Diego County have received some training on dealing with sovereign citizens.

SOURCE: 22 March 2017, [San Diego Tribune](#)

(U) San Francisco – San Francisco Man Threatened to Shoot Muslim Woman in Alleged Hate Crime

(U) A San Francisco man was arrested on suspicion of threatening to shoot a woman wearing a hijab because she is Muslim, according to San Francisco police. Joshua Ruano, 27, is being held on suspicion of making a criminal threat with a hate-crime enhancement. The woman and her toddler were playing in a park on 17 March near the Mission District when Ruano approached her, according to a written statement. He allegedly made anti-Muslim comments and threatened to shoot her, according to the police.

SOURCE: 23 March 2017, [LA Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) North Dakota – White Supremacist’s Church Burns Down in North Dakota

(U) Nome – Investigators are looking into a fire that destroyed a church owned by a well-known white supremacist. The church was recently purchased by Craig Cobb, who tried to set up a whites-only enclave in another part of the state. Cobb told reporters that the fire at the former Zion Lutheran Church was arson. He also said that he might open a new church called “the President Donald J Trump Church of Rome”. Cobb is a well-known white supremacist in the US, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center. In 2011, he began buying run-down properties in the small town of Leith, southwest of Bismarck, North Dakota, with the plan of turning it into an Aryan stronghold.

SOURCE: 23 March 2017, [BBC](#), [Washington Post](#)

(U) Oklahoma – Oklahomans Personal Information Accessed During Cyber Hack

(U) Oklahoma City – Hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans looking for work were told their personal information has been compromised after a cyber breach hit the website OKJobMatch.com. The website is used by people looking for a job in Oklahoma or anyone in the state filing for unemployment. The information that was hacked included names, dates of birth, and social security numbers. There is currently no confirmation that the information has been used, according to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The number of people in Oklahoma affected has topped 430,000.

SOURCE: 24 March 2017, [News9](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) United Kingdom – In London Attack Inquiry, Police Make ‘Significant’ Arrests

(U) London – The police have announced two significant arrests in connection with the attack outside the British Parliament this week. Nine people are in custody and being questioned as part of the investigation into the assailant, according to the Metropolitan Police. The death toll from the attack had risen to four with the death overnight of Leslie Rhodes, 75, from the Streatham area of South London. The number of individuals injured in the attack has risen to at least 50. The police are focusing on several questions regarding the suspect, who had a criminal record but had never been convicted of terrorism. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack, though authorities can't confirm direct ties at this time.

SOURCE: 24 March 2017, [New York Times](#), [USA Today](#)

(U) SOUTHERN BORDER

(U) Arizona – Migrant Smugglers Up Rates Due to Increased Border Vigilance in the US

(U) Phoenix – President Trump's immigration policy has caused smugglers known as "coyotes" to raise their rates to bring migrants into the United States due to the increased border vigilance, according to interviews with undocumented immigrants. As a result of the increase in border vigilance, coyotes are now charging much higher rates, but people are still crossing, according to the founder of the Cobina shelter for migrants in Mexicali, Mexico.

SOURCE: 23 March 2017, [Latin American Herald Tribune](#)

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